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Nevada Potato Production Projected Up From Previous Forecast

Nevada fall potato production is forecast at 2,772 thousand cwt, up 16 percent from last year's 2,397 thousand cwt. While yield is forecast at 385 cwt per acre, down 85 cwt per acre from 2009. Harvested area is estimated at 7,200 acres up from 5,100 acres one year ago.

United States Potato production of fall potatoes for 2010 is forecast at 399 million cwt, down 8 percent from 2009. Area harvested, at 1,010 thousand acres, is down 3 percent from last year. The average yield, forecast at 395 cwt per acre, is down 19 cwt per acre from last year's yield.

Nevada Hay Prices

State Report

Nevada hay prices for December were up for all hay and alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures. The all other hay price was down. The all hay price, at \$138.00 per ton, is up \$6.00 from November and up \$36.00 from last December. Alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures came in at \$139.00 per ton and all other hay at \$110.00 per ton. November hay prices were \$132.00 for all hay, \$132.00 for alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures, and \$120.00 for all other hay.

National Report

On the national level for December, all hay prices and alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures were up from November. The all other hay price was down slightly. The all hay price, at \$112 per ton, is up \$1.00 from November and up \$7.00 from last December. Alfalfa came in at \$121.00 per ton, and all other hay at \$94.60 per ton. November hay prices for the U.S. were \$111.00 for all hay, \$117.00 for alfalfa, and \$95.50 for all other hay.

Quarterly Hogs & Pigs Report

U.S. National Report

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2010 was 64.3 million head. This was down 1 percent from December 1, 2009 and down 2 percent from September 1, 2010. **Breeding inventory**, at 5.78 million head, was down 1 percent from last year and down 2 percent from last quarter. **Market hog inventory**, at 58.5 million head, was down 1 percent from last year and down 2 percent from last quarter.

Nevada State Report

Nevada's inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2010 was 1,400 head. This was down 1,500 head from December 1, 2009. **Breeding inventory** in the state, at 400 head, was down 200 head from December 1, 2009. **Market hog inventory**, at 1,000 head, was down 1,300 head from last year. This is a record low level for hogs and pigs in the state.

Hogs & Pigs Inventory, December 1, 2009-2010¹

Class of Livestock	Nevada			United States		
	2009	2010	10 as % of 09	2009	2010	10 as % of 09
	... 1,000 Head 1,000 Head ...	Percentage	... 1,000 Head 1,000 Head ...	Percentage
All Hogs & Pigs	2.9	1.4	48%	64,887	64,325	99%
Breeding	.6	.4	67%	5,850	5,778	99%
Market	2.3	1.0	43%	59,037	58,547	99%

¹ Sum of Classes may not add due to rounding.

Alfalfa Seed Value Rises

Nevada alfalfa seed acreage fell sharply in 2010 due to water shortages and lack of contract interest. Total production was at the lowest level of record since annual estimates began in 1964. The average yield was 700 pounds per acre. The crop was valued at \$3,325,000.

ALFALFA SEED: Acreage, Yield, Production, Price and Value, Nevada, 2006-2010

	Acres	Production		Value	
Year	Harvested	Yield Per	Total	Season Average Price	Value of Production
	Actual Acres	Lbs.	000 Lbs.	\$ Per Lb.	000\$'s
2006	4,000	730	2,920	1.30	3,796
2007	6,500	700	4,550	1.45	6,598
2008	5,000	850	4,250	1.80	7,650
2009	5,000	700	3,500	1.90	6,650
2010	2,500	700	1,750	1.90	3,325

December Crop & Weather Summary

December brought above normal temperatures and precipitation for the State. Temperatures ranged from 3.5 to 6.6 degrees above normal for the month. Las Vegas recorded the monthly high at 70 degrees. Ely recorded the lowest temperature of the month at -20 degrees. Ely recorded the most precipitation with 3.33 inches. Snow began to accumulate in the mountains. Added snowfall increased supplemental feeding of range livestock. Onion and potato processing was ongoing. Main farm and ranch activities include: equipment maintenance and feeding livestock.

Weather data for stations in Nevada for December 2010

Station	High	Low	Avg.	Departure From Normal	Precipitation
Reno	62	12	39.3	+5.7	1.39
Elko	57	2	30.3	+4.3	2.08
Ely	56	-20	29.3	+3.5	3.33
Winnemucca	60	7	35.3	+5.7	1.59
Eureka	55	-7	32.1	+6.6	0.99
Tonopah	58	9	36.7	+4.2	0.58
Las Vegas	70	30	51.3	+4.3	1.77

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